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Letter dated 17 April 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On 7 April 2000 a statement by the so-called "Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nagorno Karabakh" was circulated at the United Nations as a document of the Security Council.

I have the honour to reiterate that there is no such administrative-territorial entity as the "Nagorno Karabakh Republic". There is the Nagorny Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan, which, along with six other regions of the country, is occupied by the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia.

The foregoing statement, aimed at misleading the United Nations and its Security Council, was circulated at the request of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Armenia. It once again reveals Armenia's true intent, which is to legitimize the occupation of an integral part of my country.

Unfortunately, Security Council resolutions 822 (1993), 853 (1993), 874 (1993) and 884 (1993), reaffirming the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan and demanding immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of the occupying forces from the occupied areas of Azerbaijan, have remained unimplemented. Such situation has allowed the Armenian aggressors to feel comfortable and to continue their annexationist policy.

I request that the present letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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